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SUBJECT: NUMEIRY VISITS OMAN ON PENINSULA TOUR

1. PRESIDENT NUMEIRY OF SUDAN VISITED OMAN FOR 24 HOURS JUNE 2-3
ON HIS CURRENT TOUR OF PENINSULA STATES.HE FLEW INTO SALALAH,
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WHERE SULTAN QABOOS IS NOW LOCATED, LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 2 FROM SANA
AND LEFT NEXT AFTERNOON DIRECTLY FOR ABU DHABI. HE HELD PRIVATE
DISCUSSIONS WITH SULTAN DURING HIS STAY; NO PUBLIC FUNCTIONS WERE
SCHEDULED, APART FROM ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES FOR WHICH
CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN MUSCAT WERE SPECIALLY TRANSPORTED
TO SALALAH.

2. THERE WAS NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END OF VISIT. A KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT THE TALKS WERE PURELY EXPLORATORY. NUMEIRY BRIEFED QABOOS ON WHERE HIS EFFORTS STAND AT ARAB RECONCILIATION AND THE CONVENING OF AN ARAB SUMMIT, AND QABOOS CONVEYED OMANI POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, OMAN GENERALLY SUPPORTS NUMEIRY'S POLICY BUT BELIEVES SUMMIT MUST BE CAREFULLY PREPARED IN ADVANCE. SOURCE DID NOT EXPECT NUMEIRY TO ACHIEVE RESULTS ANY TIME SOON.

3. SAME OFFICIAL ALSO COMMENTED THAT NUMEIRY IS ATTEMPTING NO RPT NO BILATERAL MEDIATIONS (E.G. BETWEEN OMAN AND PDRY) ON HIS CURRENT TOUR. HOWEVER, SUCH QUESTIONS OBVIOUSLY ARISE IN CONTEXT OF ARAB RECONCILIATION. NUMEIRY'S HOPE IS THAT THESE DISPUTES CAN AT LEAST BE PUT ON ICE TEMPORARILY IN INTERESTS OF GREATER ARAB SOLIDARITY.
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